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“ANY POODLE REGARDLESS OF COLOR, THAT EXHIBITS EXEMPLARY HEALTH TEMPERAMENT AND CONFORMATION DESERVES A VENUE IN WHICH TO BE VALIDATED”

*The MCPCA (Multi-Colored Poodle Club of America) Official Newsletter
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From The President's Desk.....



Just when I think the club has hit an insurmountable stonewall, members come through and prove that they really do want this club to survive. This time it was **Michelle Golding, Chairperson; Brenda Melillo---- committee member; Carole Beresh----- committee member; and Patty Reid ---- alternate** who volunteered to be on a nominating committee for officers next year. The committee has successfully come up with a slate of officers to carry the club through another year. I will not steal their thunder by prematurely announcing their decision.

This is also a reminder that club dues are payable on or before January 1. Single memberships are 25 dollars, memberships for 2 people living in the same household are 40 dollars and junior memberships are 10 dollars. Please send your payments to our membership secretary, Cilla Suddard. Her address is on our website.

Dues help our club financially, but in order to accomplish our club goals, we also need your physical help with our club projects. As you take time to write that check to pay your dues, please consider making a commitment to help the club by serving on a committee during the new year. Your help is vital to the success of the club.

Hope you had a wonderful holiday,

Maryann

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NEW MEMBERS

No new members this month.



From around the globe

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SEE YOU THERE !!!!

Send all photos and updates

to

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**Next Meeting
-Monday-
December 1, 2008
9:00 p.m. EST**



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

For November's *Member Spotlight* we travel to a location situated below the equator, between the 9th and the 42nd parallel. Here lies a sprawling island continent.

Located southeast of Asia, and between the Pacific and Indian oceans, Australia is smallest of the world's five continents. We visit Australia this month to introduce International MCPCA member,

Jacqui Mcleay.



Jacqui and Comfort



Our mind's eyes are encouraged to focus on a 75 acre area, just 45 minutes outside of Adelaide, the capital city of South Australia. It is in this rural landscape with little rainfall that we visit "*Kirada Poodles*".

Jacqui describes her home area as a.... "sanction for Kangaroos, Hawks, Sleepys, Porcupines, Goannas, a variety of birds and sadly home to the Brown Snake."



"*Kirada Poodles,*" was established in 1988, one year after Jacqui purchased her first standard poodle. The Kirada prefix was derived from the names of 3 of Jacqui's lovely standard poodles.

Shardae, Riley and then Kyalie.
"KI (Kyalie) R (Riley) ADA (Shardae)."



*Next month,
The Parti Line
"Member Spotlight"
will introduce
Sue and Richard
Merchant*

A dog groomer, Jacqui has her own grooming shop. She explains....“I started grooming at age 16 as a work experience girl. I now run a successful grooming shop where I can be picky and choose my cliental. I also do web designing. My first Standard Poodle was purchased in 1987 - Wow, time sure does fly. I actually wanted a Bull Terrier but because of my involvement as a dog groomer, I was talked out of buying one. So I went for the Samoyed breed. I then decided to purchase a Standard Poodle as a pet to keep Zahne (my Samoyed) company. The breeder of that poodle talked me into showing and here I am today.” Despite a very busy schedule of work that includes grooming, showing and website designing.....Jacqui still finds that she can enjoy these things on a personal/hobby level. She wrote.... “I enjoy showing dogs. And I find the Internet a fun hobby but I also enjoy just getting away and taking memorable vacations....I will never forget visiting the birthplace of Elvis Presley in Tupelo MS and walking through "*Gracelands*" Memphis TN (shedding a tear whilst I type this).”

Birthplace of
“ELVIS”
Tupelo, MS



“Gracelands”
Memphis, TN

Jacqui shares her home , with her husband Andrew, who is a licensed dog show judge for Non-Sporting, Terriers Hounds and almost Gun Dogs. They have no children but their extended family includes many Standard Poodles and two Greyhounds. Explaining her life with poodles Jacqui wrote.....”We did at one time have a spunky black toy poodle, however one testicle didn’t come down. We placed him in a pet home and that was my first and last toy poodle. My loves are the Standards. Our dogs are all solids but recently I have introduced some solids with parti bloodlines. One day I hope to breed quality partis from solid parents. As a breeder and exhibitor, I have produced 17 home bred Champions and 1 Grand Champion. I am very proud of the dogs I show and breed. Not only for their successes in the show ring, but for all those puppies who have gone on to be devoted and loving family companions. It is my goal to become known as a successful breeder in the worldwide community. Known not only for quality show dogs but known also for producing beautiful companions in both solid and multi colors.”

Tucker



Monroe



It is Jacqui’s interest in Multi Colored Poodles that influenced her decision to join MCPCA. She explained..... “I believe in Multi Colored Poodles. By joining MCPCA, I felt I was making that statement heard internationally.” Jacqui has further demonstrated her determination to promote Multi Colored Poodles in a positive manner by recently volunteering to redesign the MCPCA club website in order to make it an educational tool for those interested in learning more about Multi Colored Poodles. As the current webmaster, Jacqui regularly updates the MCPCA website with club milestones, news and member show and performance accomplishments. Its new appearance has attracted allot of positive attention from those interested in learning more about Multi Colored Poodles.

The website is proving to be an excellent tool for educating those serious about owning, exhibiting and breeding whether solid or multi colored. It also showcases the versatility of Multi Colored Poodles.

One has only to see Jacqui’s beautiful standards to really understand her explanation of what it is she enjoys most about her poodles. She explained.....“Their majestic look and their way of making us think they are humans. Whether they are in a full show coat - all sprayed up or in a sporting trim. No other breed or mix can ever match that.”



Kingston

LITTER NEWS

From Michelle Golding of Sandpiper Poodles.....

I want to announce that *Sandpipers Bonnie Blue* had her first litter of puppies on 11/21/08. She had 4 puppies, 2 girls & 2 boys
2 solids & 2 parti's



Sire is....

Parti Times Kiss the Girls (Dior)

He is the son of Claudia's

UKC Champion

Sisco's Yes It's Got A Hemi (Cuda)



Dog Care.....Barking

Excessive barking is nothing new. Dogs appear to enjoy barking, and they do so for various reasons. They bark when they want something, when they say “hello,” when they are having fun, when they are startled or alarmed, when they are defending their territory or threatening someone, when they are frustrated, and when they hear other dogs barking. Unfortunately, a dog who barks incessantly can drive the family crazy—and disturb the entire neighborhood.

Many owners can identify why their dog is barking, just by hearing the specific bark. If you want to reduce your dog’s barking, it is imperative to determine the dog’s reason for barking. Understand that it usually takes time to teach a dog to bark less. It is not realistic to expect a quick fix or to expect that the dog will stop barking altogether. Your goal should be to decrease the amount of barking. Bear in mind that some dogs are more prone to barking than others. In addition, some breeds are known as “barkers,” and it may be more difficult to decrease barking in individuals of these breeds.

The most common reasons why dogs bark:

- Territorial or protective defense
- Excitement or greeting
- To gain attention or to make requests
- Socially facilitated barking (hearing other dogs bark)
- Distress vocalizations due to fear or separation anxiety
- During play
- Frustration
- Compulsive behavior

What not to do:

- Do not encourage the dog to bark at passers by or people coming to the door (by saying, “Who’s there?,” for example, or getting up and looking out the window, you are encouraging the dog to bark).
- Do not punish the dog for barking at certain sounds (car doors slamming, kids playing in the street) while encouraging him to bark at other sounds (people at the door). You must be consistent!
- Never use punishment procedures for a dog who is barking from fear or anxiety, unless on the advice of a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist or Veterinary Behaviorist. This could make the dog feel worse, which could in turn cause the barking to escalate.
- Never use a muzzle or Husher™ to keep a dog quiet for long periods of time or while a dog is unsupervised. As the dog cannot eat, drink, or cool himself while wearing a muzzle, this would be extremely cruel.
- Never tie a dog’s muzzle closed with rope, cord, or rubber bands. This is dangerous, painful, and inhumane.

Territorial Barking.....Dogs who bark to alert others to the presence of visitors and/or to scare off intruders use what is called an alarm bark. They bark when they see or hear people coming to the door, and they may even react to the sights and sounds of people and dogs passing by the home. Some dogs are especially raucous when they see people or dogs from the car. You should be able to judge from your dog’s body posture and behavior whether he’s barking to say “Welcome, come on in!” or “Hey, I see you and you’d better hit the road, you’re not welcome at my place.” If you’re dealing with a dog in the first category, follow the steps outlined for greeting barking. If you’re dealing with a dog in the latter category who isn’t friendly to people, you will likely be more successful teaching the dog to associate the presence of strangers and passersby with good things, such as food and attention (see Counter Conditioning Instructions, below). If you think your dog poses a threat to people near your property or visitors to your home, seek assistance from a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist, a Veterinary Behaviorist, or a Certified Professional Dog Trainer.

What to do: - Prevent the dog from being exposed to the things that trigger him to bark. You should block access to windows, and cover them so he can’t see out. Play background music to mask outside sounds, change the sound of your doorbell, and bring him in from the yard whenever he barks.

Counter Conditioning Instructions #1: If the dog continues to bark despite your efforts to block his exposure to things, teach him that when someone comes to the door or passes by the property, he is permitted to bark until you say “Quiet.” Allow him to bark 3-4 times, say “Quiet,” (avoid shouting), go to the dog and gently hold his muzzle closed with your hand and repeat “Quiet,” call him away from the door or window, ask him to sit, and give him a treat. If he stays beside you and remains quiet, continue to give him frequent treats for the next few minutes (until the stimulus is gone). If he resumes barking right away, repeat the sequence. Go through the same steps if the dog is barking at passersby from the yard.

- Counter Conditioning Instructions #2: If the above procedure is ineffective after 10-20 attempts, allow the dog to bark 3-4 times, say “Quiet” (avoid shouting), and make a startling noise by shaking an empty soda can filled with pennies or a set of keys. He should react to the sound by stopping what he’s doing. Call him away from the door or window, ask him to sit, and give him a treat. If he stays beside you and remains quiet, continue to give him frequent treats for the next few minutes (until the stimulus is gone). If he resumes barking right away, repeat the sequence. If this doesn’t work after 10-20 attempts, you will need to seek assistance from a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist, a Veterinary Behaviorist, or a Certified Professional Dog Trainer.

- Counter Conditioning Instructions #3: If the dog barks at people and other dogs during walks, distract the dog with special treats before he begins to bark. Show the dog the treats by holding them in front of his nose (soft treats are best) and encourage him to nibble at the treats while he is walking along, past the person or dog who would normally cause him to bark. Some dogs do best if you ask them to sit as the person/dog passes by, while other dogs prefer to keep moving. Make sure you praise and reward the dog with treats every time he elects not to bark.

- It may help to have the dog wear a head halter during occasions when the dog is likely to bark (on walks, in the home, etc.). Your dog should only wear the halter when you can supervise him. A halter can have a distracting and/or calming effect, and make him less likely to bark. Make sure you reward him for not barking.

- If the dog is engaging in territorial barking primarily in the yard, keep the dog in the house during the day and supervise him when he is in the yard.

- If the dog is engaging in territorial barking in the car, teach the dog to ride in a crate while in the car. This restricts the dog’s view and may reduce his motivation to bark. If this is not feasible, try having the dog wear a head halter.

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Greeting Barking.....If your dog barks at people coming to the door, at people or dogs walking by the property, at people or dogs he sees on walks, and at people or dogs he sees through the fence—and the barking is accompanied by whining, tail wagging, and other signs of friendliness—your dog is barking to say hello. He may very likely bark in the same manner when family members come home.

What do to:

- Keep greetings low key. Teach the dog to sit and stay when meeting people at the door so he has something to do aside from barking. This should reduce his excitement.
- If your dog likes toys, keep a favorite toy near the front door and encourage your dog to pick up the toy before he greets you or guests. If the dog learns to hold a toy in his mouth, he's less inclined to bark. He will likely still whine, though.
- On walks, teach your dog to walk calmly past people and dogs without greeting them. To do this, follow the Counter Conditioning Instructions #3, on page 6.

Play Barking.....Some dogs are particularly noisy when they play with people or with other dogs. If you have multiple dogs and they like to bark while they play, put them outside so they don't bother you. If they bother the neighbors, bring them inside and separate them during times when you can't tolerate the barking. Encourage the dogs to play with toys so they have something in their mouths. If your dog barks while playing with you, simply play different games—if he barks while wrestling with you, teach him to play tug-of-war or fetch games. It's unfair to expect dogs not to play, so make arrangements for your dog to play (and bark) at times when it won't disturb people.

Attention Seeking/Making Requests.....One of the reasons why we love dogs is that they are so expressive. Dogs find ways to let us know their needs, and often this is by barking or whining. Indeed, we find it desirable when the dog barks to ask to go outside to eliminate, or to request that his water bowl be filled. It is less desirable, however, when the dog barks to demand anything and everything, needed or not! This pattern of barking does not happen by accident; a demanding, noisy dog has been taught to be this way! If you want your dog to cease and desist, it is imperative that you consistently stop rewarding the dog for barking. Instead of trying to determine why the dog is barking, you will have to ignore the dog for barking. You may elect to stare at the ceiling, turn away from the dog, or walk out of the room. The instant the dog stops barking, you need to give the dog what he wants, whether that be attention, play, to go outside, to come in, etc. The exception to this is the dog who barks to request food—no dog should be reinforced for demanding food/treats/chew bones. That's just plain rude! In order to be successful, you must never, ever reward the dog for barking at you again! In some cases, it is easiest to teach the dog an alternative behavior. For instance, if you don't want the dog to bark when he needs to go out or come in, get a doggy door installed or teach the dog to ring a bell. If your dog barks to get you to play with him, teach him to bring a toy and sit in front of you. Sometimes, it's easier to avoid problems. If your dog barks to ask you to retrieve his toys from under the sofa, fill up the space so the toys don't get stuck beyond his reach. If your dog barks at you when you speak on the telephone or work on the computer, give him a tasty chew bone to occupy him before he starts to bark.

Excitement/Frustration Barking.....Dogs often bark when they find themselves excited but thwarted from getting something they want. This could be the dog in the yard barking because he wants to get out and play with the children in the street, the dog who barks and runs the fence line with the dog next door, the dog who barks by the patio door as he watches a cat or squirrel frolicking in his yard, the dog who barks at his owner to hurry up and get his leash and go for that walk.... The most effective means of discouraging excitement/frustration barking is to teach the dog to control his impulses through obedience training. The dog is taught to wait, sit and stay before gaining access to fun activities, such as walks, playing with other dogs, or chasing squirrels. This can be a daunting task and you may need to recruit the assistance of a Certified Professional Dog Trainer. You can also discourage the presence of cats and other animals in your yard by using motion-activated devices to startle intruders, including the Critter Gitter™, the Scarecrow™, or the Scraminal™.

Socially Facilitated Barking.....Dogs are social animals and they are prompted to bark when they hear others barking, whether in real life or on TV. You can discourage this tendency by keeping your dog indoors when other dogs are barking, by playing music to drown out the sound of other dogs, and by distracting your dog with treats or play when other dogs bark.

Compulsive Barking.....There are occasional compulsive barkers who bark in situations that are not considered normal or bark in a repetitive, rigid fashion. If your dog barks repeatedly for long periods of time, apparently at nothing, he may be a compulsive barker. If your dog repeatedly barks at things that would not bother other dogs, such as shadows, light flashes, mirrors, open doors, the sky, etc., you may have a compulsive barker. If your dog also engages in other stereotypic behaviors while barking, such as spinning, circling, or jumping, he may be a compulsive barker. A good first step may be to make a change in his lifestyle. For instance, if the dog is tied up, try keeping him loose in a safe fenced area. If the dog is left alone for long periods of time, increase his exercise, mental stimulation and social contact. If you suspect your dog is a compulsive barker, please seek assistance from a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist or a Veterinary Behaviorist; his condition may require drug therapy.

A Few Words on Anti-Bark Collars.....First and foremost: Anti-bark collars are punishment devices and are not recommended as a first choice for dealing with a barking problem, especially if the barking is motivated by fear, anxiety or compulsion. Before resorting to an anti-bark collar, you should seek advice from a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist, a Veterinary Behaviorist, or a Certified Professional Dog Trainer. There are a variety of devices designed to teach a dog to curtail barking. Most often, these are collars that deliver an unpleasant stimulus when the dog barks. The stimulus might be a loud noise, an ultrasonic noise, a spray of citronella mist, or a brief electric shock. The collars that deliver noise are ineffective with most dogs. One study found that the citronella collar was as effective for eliminating barking as the electronic collar, and more positively received by owners. Collars that work on a microphone system to pick up the sound of a dog's bark should not be used in a multi-dog home because any dog's bark can activate the collar. Note that virtually all dogs become "collar-wise," and will learn not to bark while wearing the collar.

BREEDER & SHOW BRAGS.....

Congratulations Maggie Laney

UKC CH. *Highfalutin' Zacharia Rainer*, solid Silver and Parti factored, began his AKC show career in October and has garnered a total of 12 points, including his Majors!

And his half sister.....*Highfalutin' Hot Topic At Kaylens*, solid Black and Parti-factored, has 9 points with both of her needed Majors.

UKC Ch. *Hfalutin Half And Half* CGC, is the proud mom of these two kids.

Nov. 29, 2008 UKC Grand Champion *Highfalutin' Hits The Spot* won RBIMBS at the Central Valley Rat Terrier Club show. "Dah" just turned a year old and has accomplished SO much already. Winning her first Best In Show her first day out, at exactly 6 months of age, wrapping up both of her UKC titles at barely 8 months of age, followed by more BIS and RBIS wins, AND she is currently ranked # 2 Multi Color Standard Poodle!! All of this achieved in only 6 months! And yes, I am VERY proud of my little girl!

News from Canada.....Congratulations Cilla and the gang

Paisley is now a UKC Ch with a group 1st to her credit. She also placed 2nd twice and 3rd once.

UKC Ch *Lets Go Crazy Paisley* RN turned two years old, two days after finishing her title. She and her brother Jules have accomplished a lot in their first two yrs.



Dory makes his ring debut in the non-licensed Puppy class.



***Rumor has just received a Versatility certificate from VIP !*

I'd like to say *Happy Birthday* to my old man Marcel who turned 13 yrs old on November 23 ! Although he is not a MC he has had a hand(or should that be paw) in raising Ru and Loca and teaching them manners.



Please remember to share your show and health testing brags with us.



BREEDER & SHOW BRAGS CON'T.....

AKC News Congratulations Gina Wainiola

November 8, 2008
Kalamazoo Kennel Club
Grand Rapids, MI

Can., U-Ch. Echocreek's Ref Storm Chaser (Chase)
earned a 1st place blue ribbon in Open Dog and went on to receive Reserve Winners.

same day...*Congratulations Lina Wainiola*

Minarets Ref Tiara Del Sol (Tiara)
Earned her Novice B Rally Obedience title with a
score of 99.



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share your show and
health testing brags
with us.*

UKC news Congratulations Candace Sullivan and Neptune

11/7 - New Champion - Mid-Atlantic KC
11/8 - Group 1st - Mid-Atlantic KC



BREEDER & SHOW BRAGS CON'T.....

Congratulations Teri and Drew Carter

Benson has earned 5 agility titles in 5 months.
The Carters are very proud of their boy. He is now running in the Excellent division !

www.huntingminipoodles.com



Please remember to share your show and health testing brags with us.

New Arrivals

Congratulations.....Sara Gessner

Y Nots Playboy call name (Hewie)
DOB 7-11-08
Sire: Am/Can Ch Cabryn Gerdanus Smokin'gun
Dam: Blakglama Affinite'
Sable/phantom



JC Pioneer is very proud to announce the new arrival of *Moondancers Edelweiss Tanser* to our home. Karrie of Moondance poodle was very gracious in allowing us to have one of only two show puppies left in her Woo Woo litter.





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HEALTH TESTING BRAGS

Can., U-Ch. Gandy Gidget De Noir (Gidget)
NEwS - Normal

Minarets Ref Tiara Del Sol RN (Tiara)
CERF—Normal

Ref Mozaic Miss Marquette (Marquette)
CERF—Normal

Owners Lina and Gina Wainiola

Y Nots Playboy call name (Hewie)
Optigen Normal
Pattellas passed at 2 month will have redone so will not send to OFA

Owner Sara Gessner

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PRACTICAL POODLE POSTSCRIPT

This month's tip..... how to achieve short nails quickly without causing pain to your poodle.

Using regular nail clippers can cause pain and bleeding if the quick of the nail is cut. However, nail clippers can also cause pain if the nail is cut too close to the quick because the clippers actually pinch the quick.

By using a Dremel, which you can purchase at any hardware store or online, you'll be able to trim your poodle's nails more quickly. The Dremel files the nails resulting in a shorter and smoother nail. It is much easier to see the quick as you are grinding, thus allowing you to get closer to the quick without nicking it.

Keep in mind, the quick is living flesh, so you can't grind it or it will bleed. If the nails are excessively long, it is better to clip some of the nail off with nail clippers before using the Dremel. Also, avoid using the grinding stones, as these are more abrasive. It is best to use only the sandpaper tip. Use light strokes and follow the grinder. Don't use pressure and never stay in the same spot too long or the Dremel will get too hot. The grinder also turns extremely fast, so make sure not to get your poodle's foot hair, your hair or any loose objects caught.

When you're all finished trimming your poodle's nails, apply a little Vaseline to them to make them shine and get rid of the sandpaper look.

For a detailed How-To guide, go to www.doberdawn.com.